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ABSTRACT

This 75-minute VHS videotape provides original film clips of social dances that have been lost to the public for many years. It focuses on four eras: 1897-1919: "From the Cakewalk to the Castle Walk" (e.g., charity ball, comedy cakewalk, one step, airplane waltz, and two-step); 1920-1929: "From the Blackbottom to the Lindy Hop" (e.g., charleston basics, charleston in newsreels, ballroom acrobats, shimmy, old fashioned waltz, and lindy hop); 1930-1939: "From Dance Marathons to Lindy Hop/Jitterbug Contests" (e.g., dance marathon newsreels, Susie Q basics, Big Apple basics, collegiate shag, and lindy hop newsreels); and 1939-1948: "From Romantic Dance to Acrobatic Classics" (e.g., adagio, Cuban Pete, Mexican jumping bean, conga loca, rhumba serenade, and lindy hop). This videotape is also available in DVD format. (SM)

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